

streams of water, svrift, brilliant, rapid,
driving off

the black-skinned (*RdksJiasci*)?

2. "We praise the auspicious *Soma*'s
imprisonment

(of the *Rtiksltasfis*) and hostile (intent
against them),²

whilst we triumph over the enemy who
performs no
rites.

3. The sound of the purified, powerful
Soma is

heard like that of rain; (his)
lightnings move in
the sky.

4. When effused. INDTT, pour forth
much food

with cows, gold, horses, and strength.

5. Flow, all-seeing (SOMA), fill the vast
heaven

and earth, as the sun (fills) the
days with his
beams.

G. Flow round us, SOM:A, on all sides
in a bliss-
bestowing stream, like a river down a
steep place.³

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J2ishi, dc-ity, and metre as
before.

1. The Green-tinted (*Somci*) Generating
the lumi-
naries of heaven, generating the sun in
the firma-
ment, clothing himself⁴ with
the descending
waters —

¹ Literally, "the black skin;" or "the
black cover" (*i.e.* tie
darkness). The Eakshasas are
perhaps the personification of
Urkness, especially the darkness of the
night.

² Sayana's meaning is not quite clear; he

gives no force to *ati*.

³ Or "as the earth (is surrounded) -with
crater."

* Or " the earth."